Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 20 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 21 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 20 Jan 2021 at 04:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for cloud and precipitation detail on Wednesday and snow amounts Thursday then higher for a clearer but colder west or northwesterly airstream bringing occasional snow showers.

Headline for Wednesday 20 Jan 2021: Mostly dry and bright, perhaps some light snow reaching the Trossachs later.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 20 Jan 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	10%	20%	30%	40%

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Jan 2021

Weather: A mainly dry day and bright with the best of any sunshine across Lochaber and northwest Argyll. Light snow may return to the Trossachs during the late afternoon and evening. Confidence is low in the detail.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% - best chance over Lochaber and northwest Argyll, falling over the Trossachs later.

Visibility: Generally good, but a chance of poor visibility in snow in the Trossachs should snow return later, with cloud bases in the south 450-750m, but cloud well broken across Lochaber and northwest Argyll.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	5/6 NE	7/9 NE	7/10 NE	10/14 NE	11/16 NE	11/15 NE	12/16 N
900	2/3 E	6/8 NE	7/10 NE	9/12 NE	9/13 NE	8/12 NE	8/12 N
600	6/8 NE	7/9 NE	8/10 NE	10/13 NE	11/15 NE	10/13 NE	7/11 N
300	5/8 N	4/7 NE	4/7 NE	6/11 N	6/11 N	6/10 N	5/8 N
Glen	3/6 NE	3/7 NE	2/6 NE	3/8 NE	4/8 N	2/6 N	3/6 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-6/-9	-6/-10	-5/-10	-6/-11	-6/-12	-6/-12	-6/-13
900	-12/-15	-7/-12	-4/-9	-4/-9	-5/-10	-5/-10	-5/-10
600	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-7	-2/-7	-2/-6
300	-1/-4	-1/-4	-1/-3	0/-3	-1/-4	-1/-4	-1/-4
Glen	-1/-3	-1/-3	1/-0	1/-1	1/-1	0/-2	-0/-2
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	200m	100m	100m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Some windchill despite relatively light winds.

Forecast for Thursday 21 Jan 2021
Weather: More persistent snow will develop overnight with strengthening northerly winds bringing some blizzard conditions mainly to Lochaber, and some settling snow even to low levels inland causing travel difficulties. This turning showery in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: North or northwesterly 25mph increasing 45 gusts 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10%, improving 40% in the afternoon.

Visibility: Very poor overnight and morning in snow and blizzard conditions. Improving good at times later as it turns showery. Lower cloud bases in the north widely 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: All levels

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